



BELT ACID MINE DRAINAGE WATER TREATMENT PLANT



Agenda

- Abandoned Mines in Belt
- The Objective for Cleanup
- Water Treatment Progress and Next Steps
- DEQ Property
- French Coulee Ponds and Lewis Coulee
- Questions/Comments

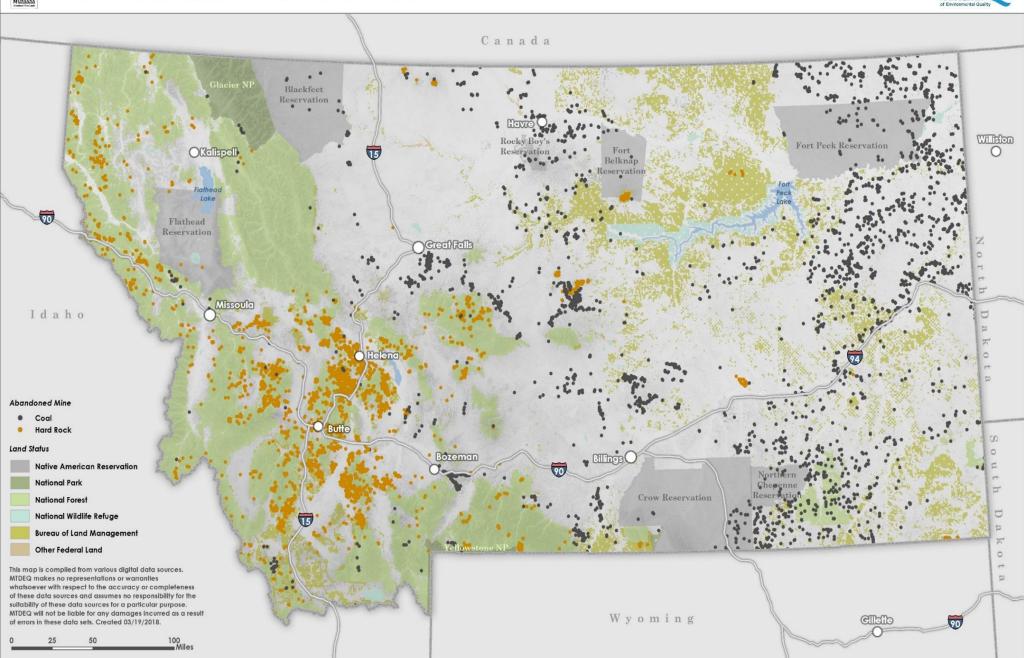






State of Montana Abandoned Mine Land Sites





Coal Fields of Montana





















Chemistry Of Pyrite Weathering: The Acid-Forming Process

Summary Reaction For Pyrite Weathering

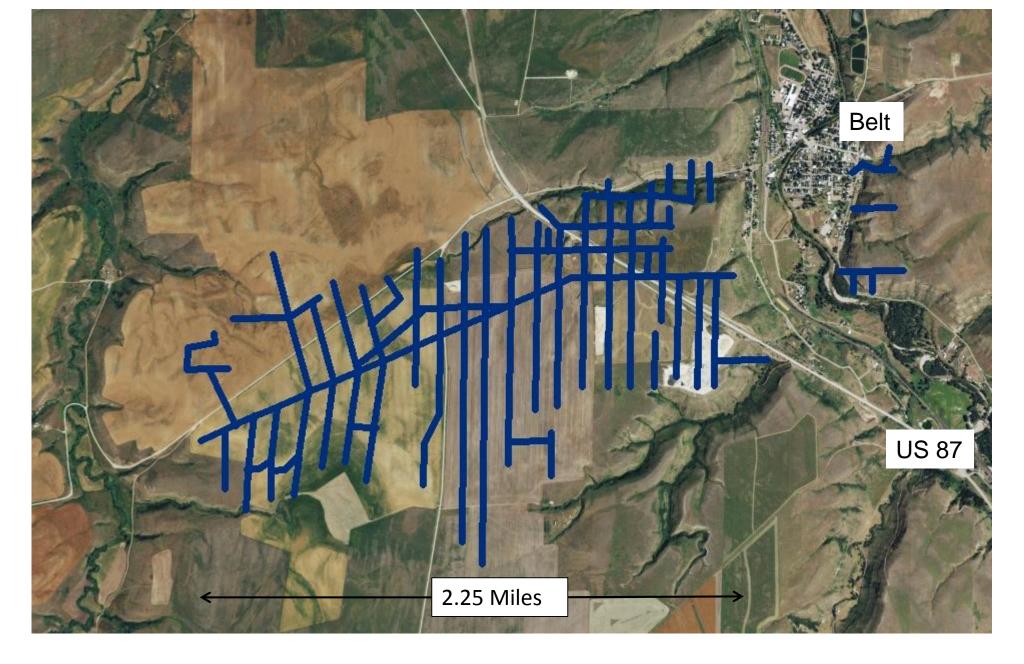
Pyrite + Oxygen + Water → Iron Hydroxide + Sulfuric Acid

$$FeS_2 + 15/4 O_2 + 7/2 H_2O \rightarrow Fe(OH)_3 + 2 H_2SO_4$$













Anaconda Mine Workings in Belt

Coke Oven Flats
Prior to 1980s
Reclamation











Belt Creek Water Quality

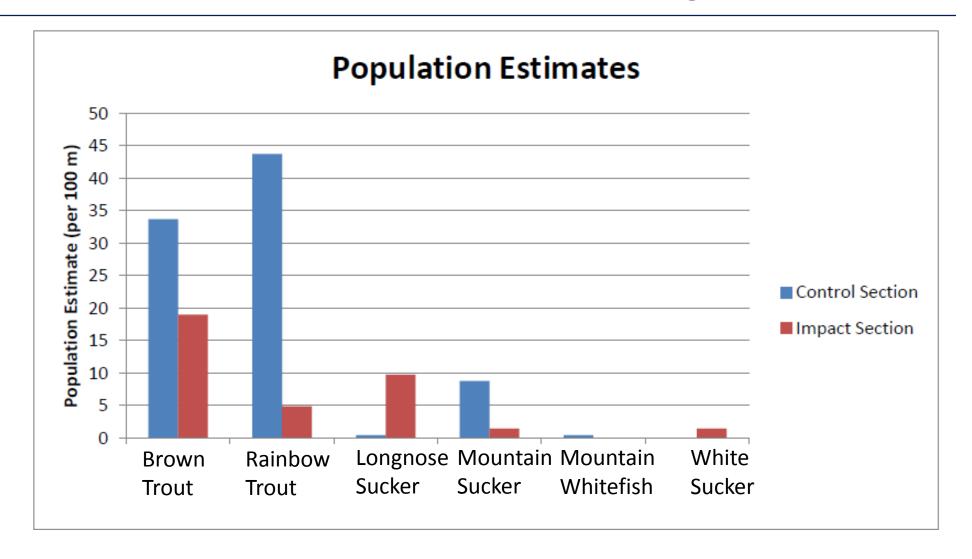
Exceeds:

- Aluminum
- cadmium
- iron
- nickel
- zinc





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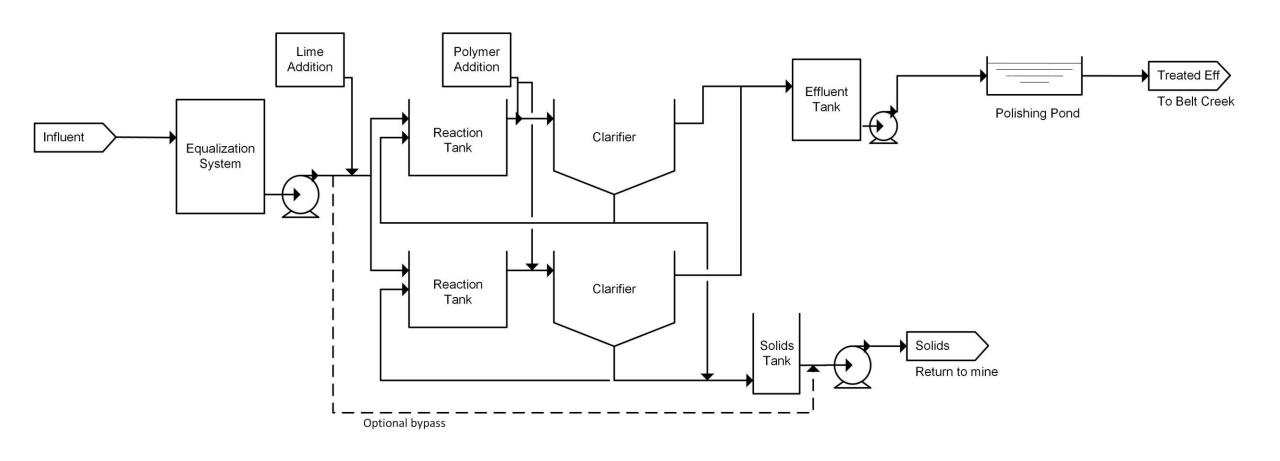








Single Stage Lime Treatment



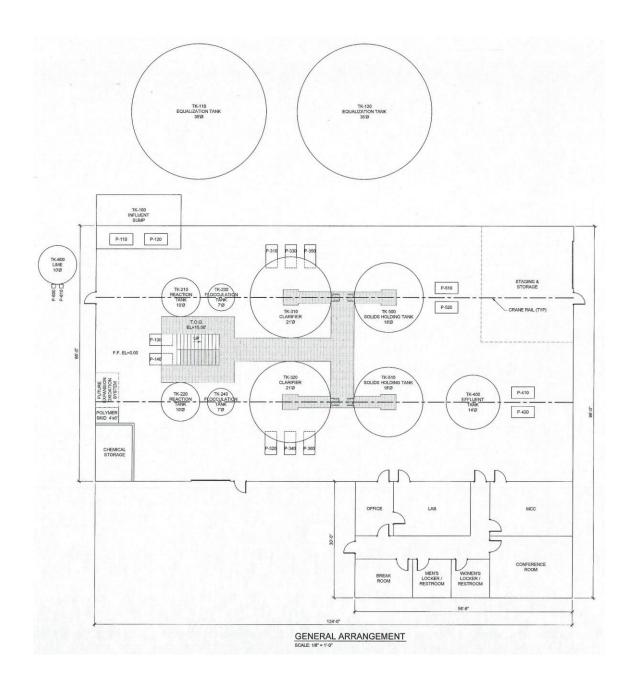


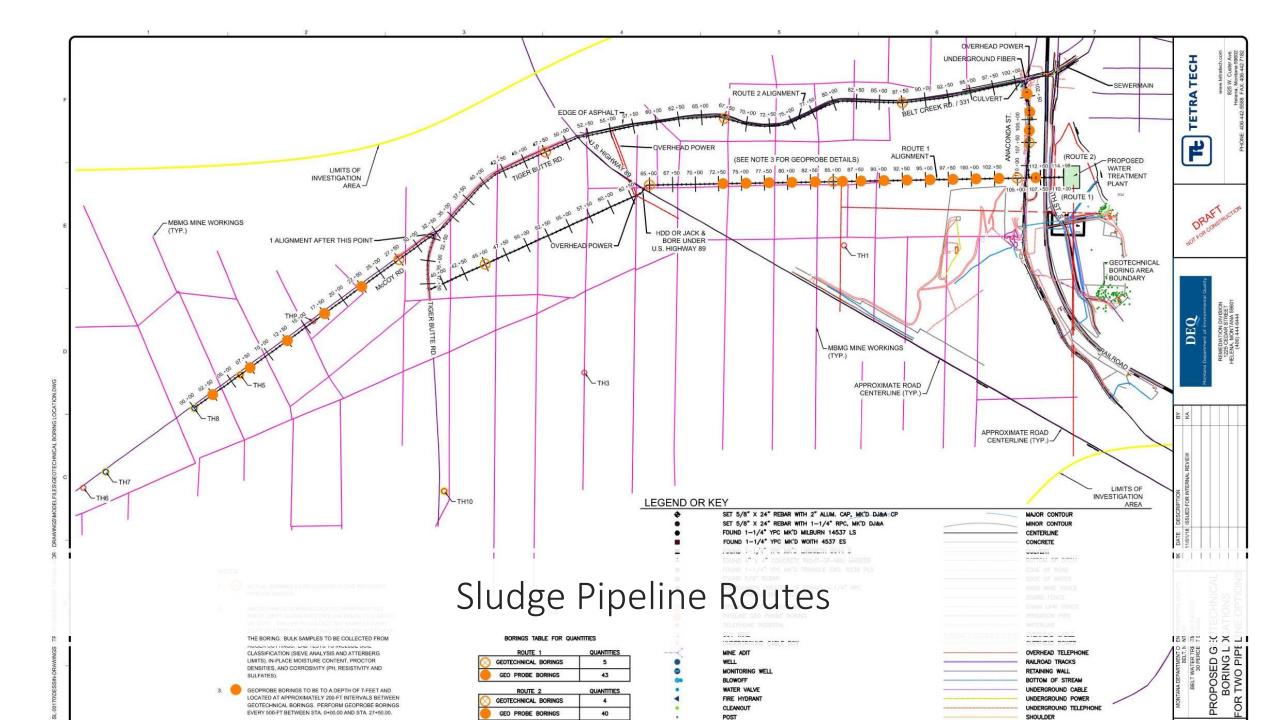




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Potential Belt Water Treatment Plant Layout





Design Status

Water Treatment Plant Components Under Design or Study:

- Building Type/Layout
- Process Layout
- Electrical/Pumps/Controls Design
- Figuring out the best way to capture groundwater at Coke Oven Flats
- Site Civil Design
- Sludge Testing
- Settling Pond design

Sludge Injection Pipeline Under Design or Study:

- Pipeline Route
- Pipeline Sizing
- Sludge Testing
- Pump Selection
- Power and Controls Design

Coming up.....

Treatment Plant

- Site Layout Design
- Building Planning
- Lewis Coulee Flow Monitoring
- Injection Design Investigation for Millard Mine
- Conceptual Design Completion

Sludge Injection

- Reporting on latest mine pump test
- Well casing and grouting
- Test sludge injecting with water
- Pipeline route soil testing







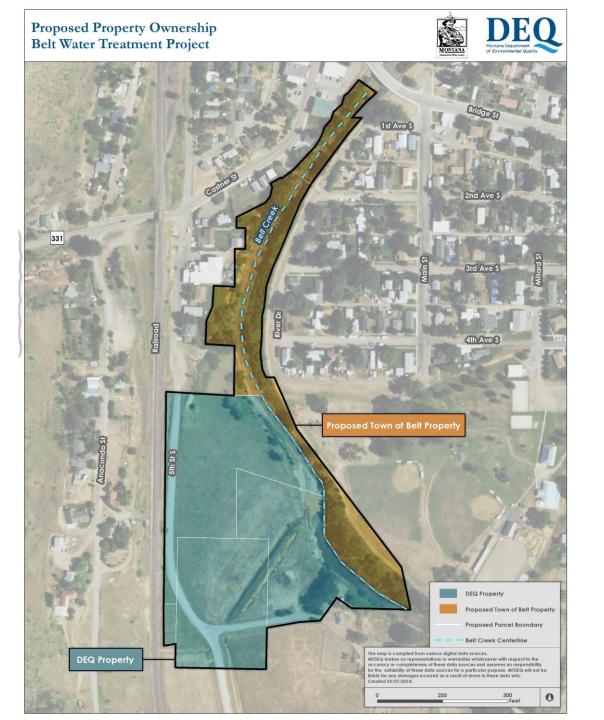
Progress





DEQ Property

- Former MDT Property at Coke Oven Flats
- Boundary Adjustment
- Transfer to City of Belt
- Quiet Title Action



French Coulee Wetlands Belt, MT







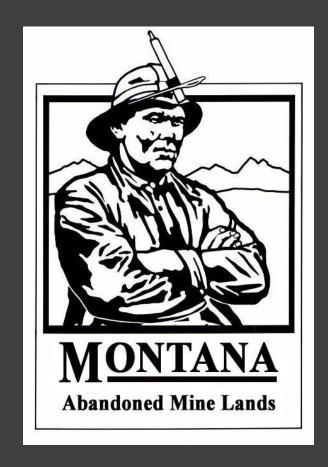




Lewis Coulee and Castner Park







Thank You

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